

DISTRICT OF BARRIERE
MINUTES OF A PARKS COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on February 6, 2012
In the Council Chambers at Municipal Hall
4936 Barriere Town Road,
Barriere, BC

Present: Councillor Virginia Smith-Chair
Mayor Bill Humphreys – entered meeting as indicated
Councillor Pat Paula
Councillor Amanda Sabyan
Councillor Glen Stanley

Staff Present: Colleen Hannigan, CAO
Nora Johnson, Finance Officer
Lynn Wright, Administrative Assistant

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Councillor Paula

Seconded by Councillor Stanley

That the February 6, 2012 Parks Committee Meeting Agenda be approved.

CARRIED

2. DELEGATION

a) Barb Gordon/Tina Donald – Ecopark

Ms. Gordon outlined the proposed site to the Committee, behind the elementary school along the river from the bridge to Barkley Rd. saying that there was a good area for a butterfly/hummingbird garden, bird viewing and some interpretive signage that would be based on an assessment by a qualified naturalist.

Simpcw representative Tina Donald spoke about partnering and assisting with the education element of the proposed Park. Simpcw is hoping to establish a pit house (kekuli) and fish viewing platform as well as mounting bat and bird houses in the area that have already been built by children.

Ms. Gordon reported that the existing walking trails are in good shape, only a few roots need to be removed. Retaining the existing hard-packed earth trail will ensure accessibility for wheelchairs and strollers.

It has been confirmed with MOTI that a small parking area could probably be established at the end of Yard Road with a walking trail into the site. It is proposed that the main entrance would be via the parking lot on Airfield Rd. near the Cemetery.

The proposed improvements to the park include:

- Establishment of entrances
- Improve walking trails
- Establish butterfly/hummingbird garden
- Bird sanctuary/photography blind
- Pit house
- Fish viewing platform

Moved by Councillor Stanley

Seconded by Councillor Sabyan

THAT the Parks Committee recommend that at this time Council support the proposed placement of bird and bat houses, butterfly and humming bird garden plantings, and a naturalist's assessment of the proposed area and, further, that more research into the location and design of a fish viewing platform is undertaken with the results brought back to Committee for consideration at a future meeting.

CARRIED

Mayor Humphreys entered the meeting at 5:25 pm

3. NEW BUSINESS

a) 2012 Wish List Discussion

- large desert planters
- small tools purchase list
- priming boards around sports court
- Community artists' involvement in painting boards (incentive)
- Camera installation and security lights at parks washrooms/sports court
- Larger lawn mower
- Hardiboard installation on Concession building

b) Easy Sorter

- [Email Introduction](#)
- [Brochure](#)
- [Price List](#)

Moved by Councillor Stanley

Seconded by Councillor Paula

THAT the correspondence be accepted for information.

CARRIED

c) Communities in Bloom

- [How to become a Communities In Bloom](#)
- [Inspiring Involvement and Criteria](#)
- [Registration Information](#)

There was a question about waiting one more year before taking part in the program since the Sewer Project is due to begin in the downtown. Mayor Humphreys felt that this is the prime time to move forward with this program and incorporate it into the downtown revitalization meetings.

Moved by Mayor Humphreys

Seconded by Councillor Paula

THAT the Parks Committee recommend that Council support the “Communities in Bloom Program”.

CARRIED

4. OTHER BUSINESS

- i. Councillor Stanley was voted to act as Vice Chair to the Parks Committee.
- ii. Twelve trees from BC Hydro (at present in Clearwater) will be used this year at the Cemetery.
- iii. Councillor Smith questioned Minor Ball park usage fees for 2012 and wondered if they had followed up on the possibility of hosting the 2012 Provincials.
- iv. Ms. Hannigan reported that Councillor Kershaw had mentioned that Tom Kempter had offered to donate his time to remove the rose bushes in the triangle and replace them with other shrubs. Staff will set up a time to meet with Mr. Kempter.
- v. The Summer Student Employment program was discussed. Staff are in discussions with Connie Falk from Barriere Employment Services with respect to exploring funding opportunities.
- vi. Ms. Houben informed the Committee that the Museum did get a Summer Student worker for 2011.

5. NEXT MEETING

Monday, March 5th, 2012 at 5pm

6. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Councillor Stanley that the meeting adjourn at 6:41p.m.

CARRIED

Original signed by, _____
Councillor Smith, Chair

Original signed by, _____
Colleen Hannigan, CAO